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For: COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2001, having a one-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire by January 31, 2002.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-12, 36-47, and 56-65) for prosecution, with traverse.

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is believed to be required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees should any be required for this submission, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 08-0219.

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In the event that an Extension of Time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an Extension of Time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that Extension of Time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an Extension of Time or credit any overpayment for an Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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